GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3287
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BUFFER STOCK OF WHEAT
A. VENKATESH NAIK

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are able to meet the buffer stock norms during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the extent to which the principal commodities like wheat and rice fall short of the buffer stock norms;

(d) whether the Government are considering to import these commodities; and

(e) if so, the quantity thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI SRIRAM CHAUHAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The stock of wheat and rice in the central pool during 1999-2000 (upto 1.2.2000) as compared to recommended buffer norms of food grains are as under :-

(In lakh tonnes)

As on	Buffer Norms			Stock in central pool		
	Rice	Wheat	Total	Rice	Wheat	Total
1.1.99	84.00	84.00	168.00	116.83	126.96	243.79
1.4.99	118.00	40.00	158.00	117.39	99.21	216.60
1.7.99	100.00	143.00	243.00	107.35	216.35	323.70
1.10.99	65.00	116.00	181.00	88.18	205.32	322.45
1.1.2000	84.00	84.00	168.00	141.81	171.70	313.51
1.2.2000				154.95	158.36	313.31

(c) Does not arise.

(d) There is no proposal to import wheat or rice on Government account.

(e) Does not arise.